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PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC CARDAMOM GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several foreign countries have flooded Indian markets with cardamom;

(b) if so, the details of those countries;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the domestic cardamom growers in a face of stiff competition; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the small cardamom growers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Domestic cardamom growers are not facing any hardships which is evident from the increase in production and exports of small cardamom as compared to the last year. Domestic cardamom growers are also fetching remunerative prices for their produce. The average auction price of cardamom in January 2001 is Rs. 617.35 per kg compared to Rs. 444.47 per kg in January 2000.

(d) Some of the steps taken to help the small and marginal cardamom growers include implementation of schemes like production and distribution of quality planting materials, replantating of old, senile and uneconomic plantations, irrigation, land development etc.